

II. **Listing of Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A side air-bag for use in a motor vehicle, the side air-bag comprising two superimposed layers of a laminar material, each layer having a leading edge and a trailing edge, there being at least one internal tether having a laminar form and being disposed between the two layers, the tether having opposed ends connected to the leading [[edge]] edges and the trailing [[edge]] edges, the length of the tether between the connections being less than the width of the layers forming the air-bag between the connections, the air-bag is configured to be mounted in the motor vehicle and to be deployed in a deployment direction that is substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis (X) of the motor vehicle, and wherein during deployment of the air-bag the tether extends between the leading and trailing edges to limit movement of the leading edges in the deployment direction and the laminar form of the tether is positioned along a plane substantially perpendicular to a lateral axis (Y) of the motor vehicle, forcing expansion of the air-bag in a direction substantially parallel to the lateral axis (Y).

2. (Currently Amended) A side air-bag according to Claim 1 when mounted in a motor vehicle, wherein the or each tether is configured to extend in [[a]] the deployment direction substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle when the air-bag is inflated.

3. (Previously Presented) A side air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein there is a single tether.

4. (Previously Presented) A side air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein there are at least two tethers at spaced apart positions.

5. (Previously Presented) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the air-bag is divided into two separate internal inflatable chambers by means of a seam interconnecting the layers of laminar material.

6. (Previously Presented) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the width of each layer of laminar material at the point where the tether is provided is W and the length of the or each tether is d , wherein $d < 2W/\pi$.

7. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein one of the opposed ends of the tether is sewn to the leading edges of the layers of the air-bag.

8. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the two layers are sewn together by a peripheral seam, and the peripheral seam forms the connections of the opposed ends of the tether to the leading and trailing edges.